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Programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2008

Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 2 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[1]	Monday, 6 October, to Tuesday, 14 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 7 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 15 October, to Monday, 27 October	10
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session and presentation of reports		
(b) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials		
(c) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts[2]		

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Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Thursday, 16 October, at 12 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 28 October, to Tuesday, 4 November	6

[1] A rolling list of speakers was open one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit the time of their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list gives priority to high-level representatives and will be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[2] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

Annex

Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
29 September-3 October	29 September	30 September Holiday	1 October	2 October Afternoon	3 October
6-10 October	6 October Morning	7 October Morning	8 October Morning	9 October Morning	10 October Morning
13-17 October	13 October Afternoon	14 October Afternoon	15 October Afternoon	16 October Afternoon	17 October Afternoon
20-24 October	20 October Morning	21 October Morning and afternoon	22 October Morning	23 October Morning	24 October Afternoon
27-31 October	27 October Afternoon	28 October Afternoon	29 October Afternoon	30 October Afternoon	31 October Morning
3-7 November	3 November Morning	4 November Morning	5 November	6 November	7 November

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility in scheduling meetings during the last two weeks of the session, without prejudice to decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.